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The Great Lakes Avengers

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COMIC BOOK!
DON'T TELL ANYONE!

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They used to be Avengers. They weren't very good at it and a bunch of them died. But maybe the world is finally ready for...

The Great Lakes Avengers

A super villain mob led by the nasty Nain Rouge is terrorizing Detroit, and Councilman Dick Snerd isn't lifting a finger to stop them. The Great Lakes Avengers tried to take on Nain Rouge at his bar, but busted up the place and got arrested instead. Now Flatman, Big Bertha, Doorman and their newest recruit Good Boy are banned from super heroics--but with their former leader/designated hot mess Mister Immortal returned to them from the literal grave, they ain't afraid of no injunction! While investigating Nain Rouge's bar, Bertha and Good Boy discovered that Councilman Dick Snerd IS Nain Rouge!

What the what???

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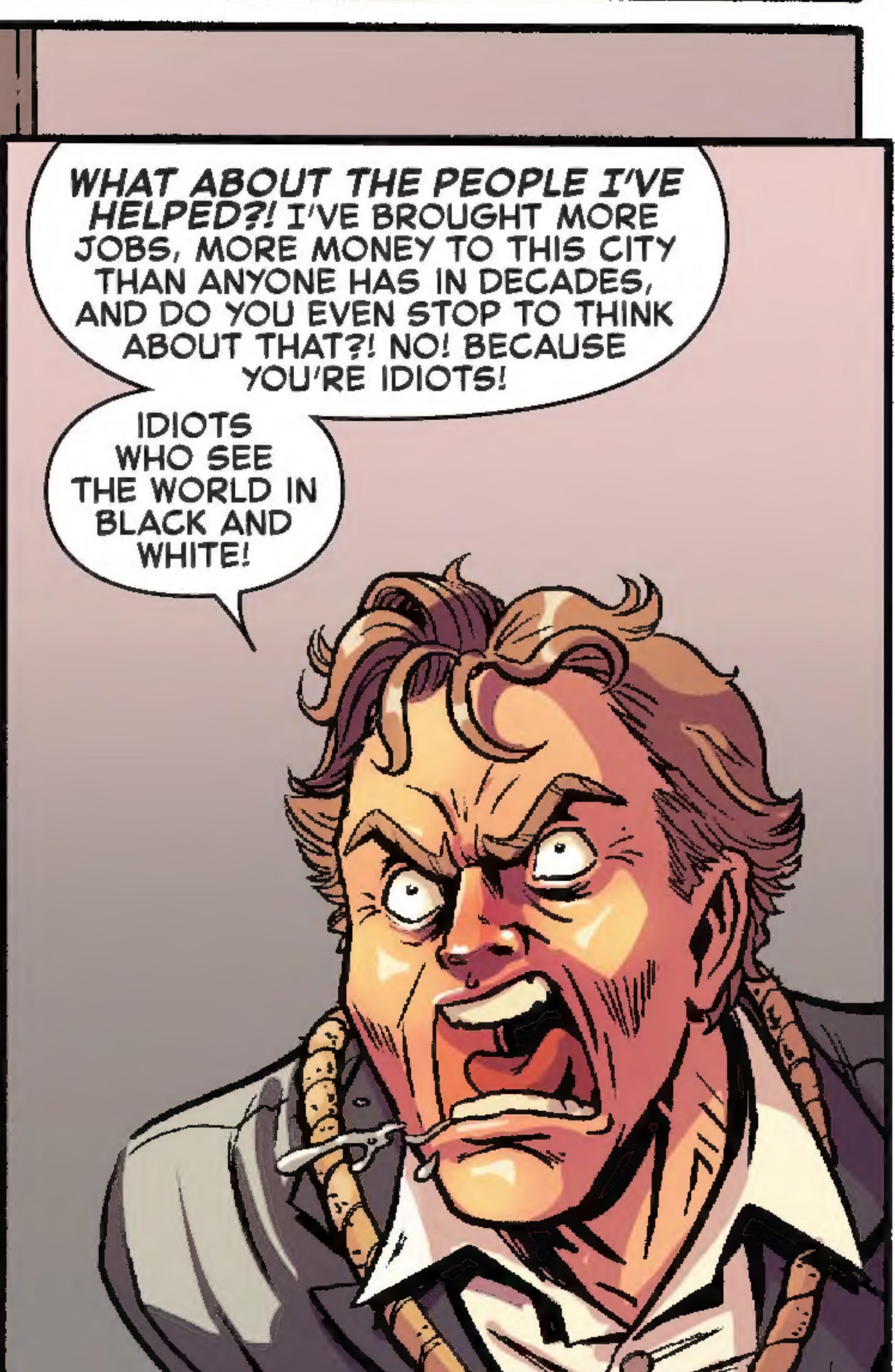
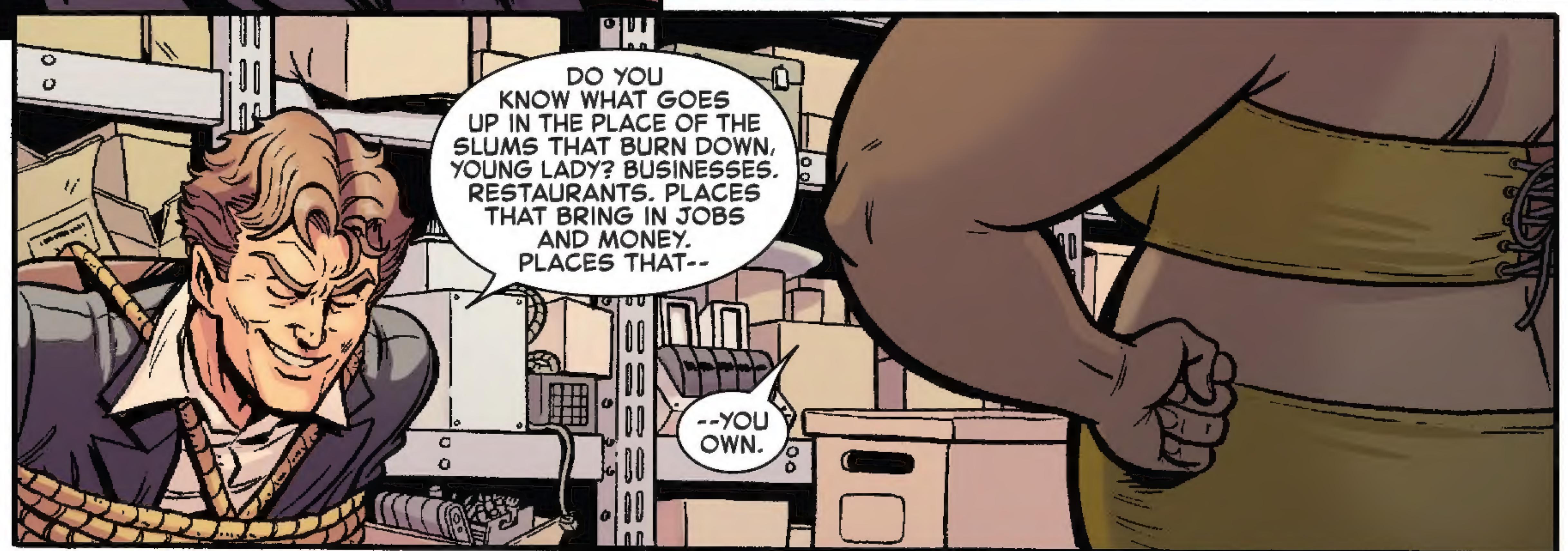
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**GREAT LAKES
AVENGERS HQ.
DETROIT.**





DO YOU
KNOW WHO I REALLY
AM? NO, OF COURSE
YOU DON'T. BUT I WAS
LIKE YOU ONCE. I WAS
ON THE SIDE OF THE
ANGELS...

DEVIL'S NIGHT. DETROIT, YEARS AGO.

"I WAS JUST A KID THEN.
AMBITIOUS AND STUPID.

"I WANTED TO MAKE A
DIFFERENCE, SO I DRESSED
UP IN TIGHTS, GOT MYSELF A
GIMMICK--NAIN ROUGE, THE
'RED DWARF,' PROTECTOR
OF DETROIT--AND TOOK
TO THE STREETS.

"LOCAL PAPERS CALLED
ME A CUT-RATE DAREDEVIL.
THE NATIONAL NEWS HAD
NO IDEA I EVEN EXISTED.

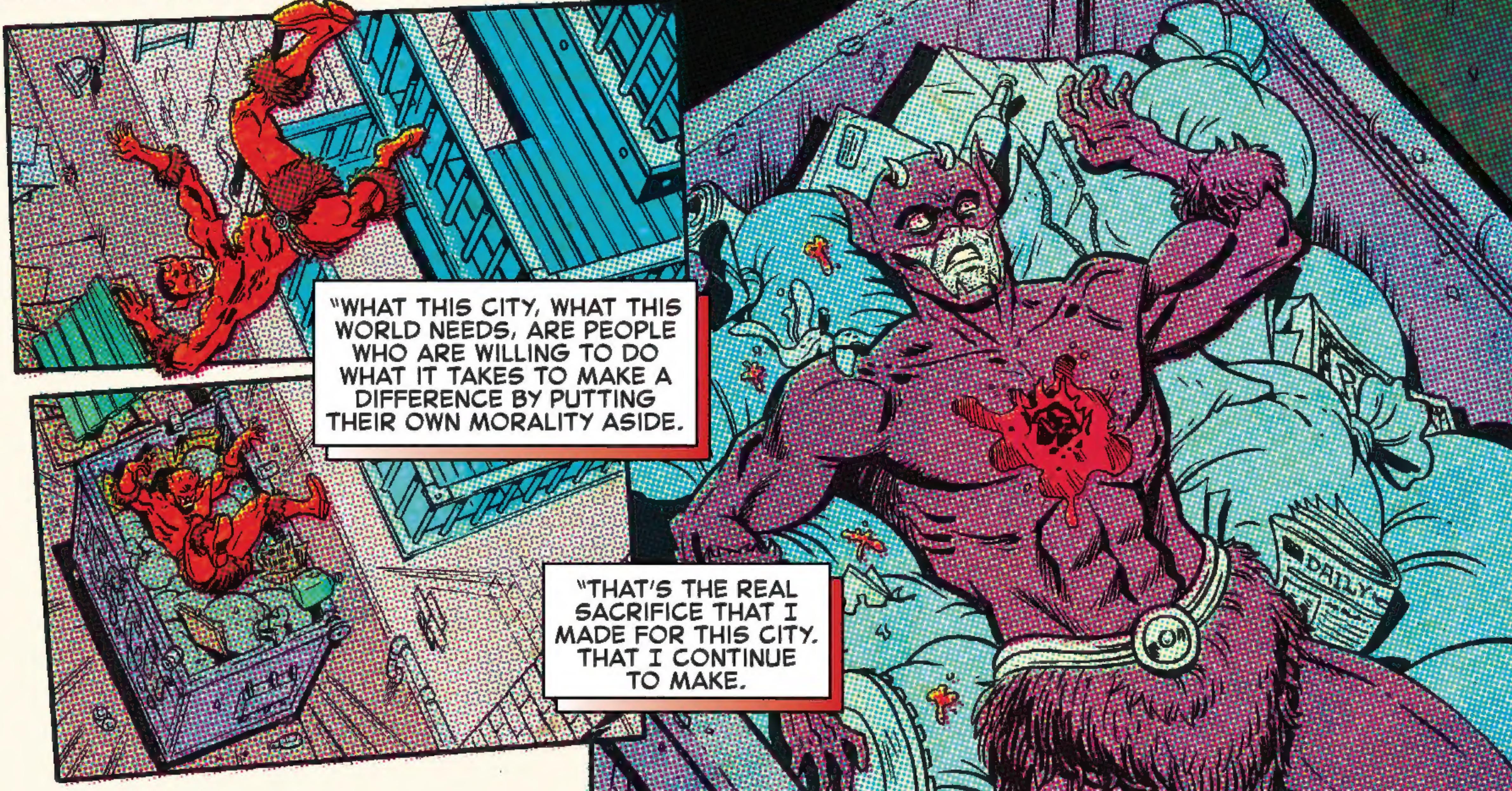
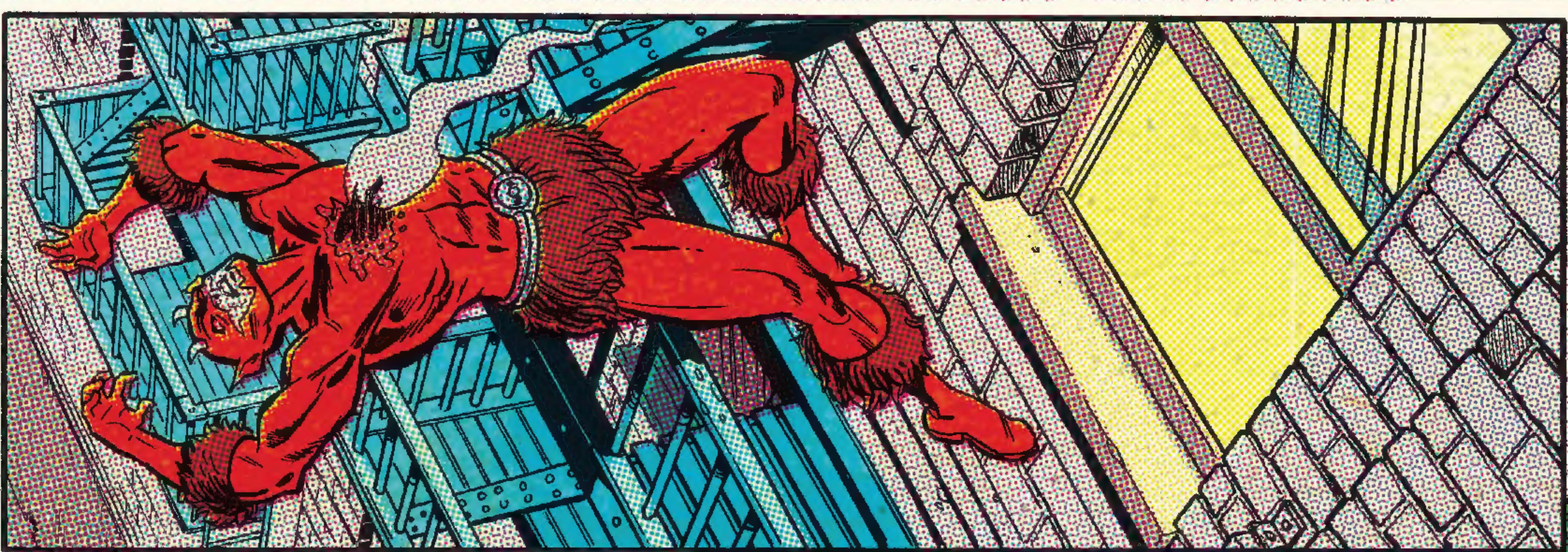
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SWORN PROTECTOR.
BACK THEN, DETROIT
WAS IN THE GRIPS OF
THE WORST CRIME
WAVE IN THE COUNTRY.
CRACK COCAINE, GANG
VIOLENCE, ARSON. THE
CITY WAS A WAR ZONE.

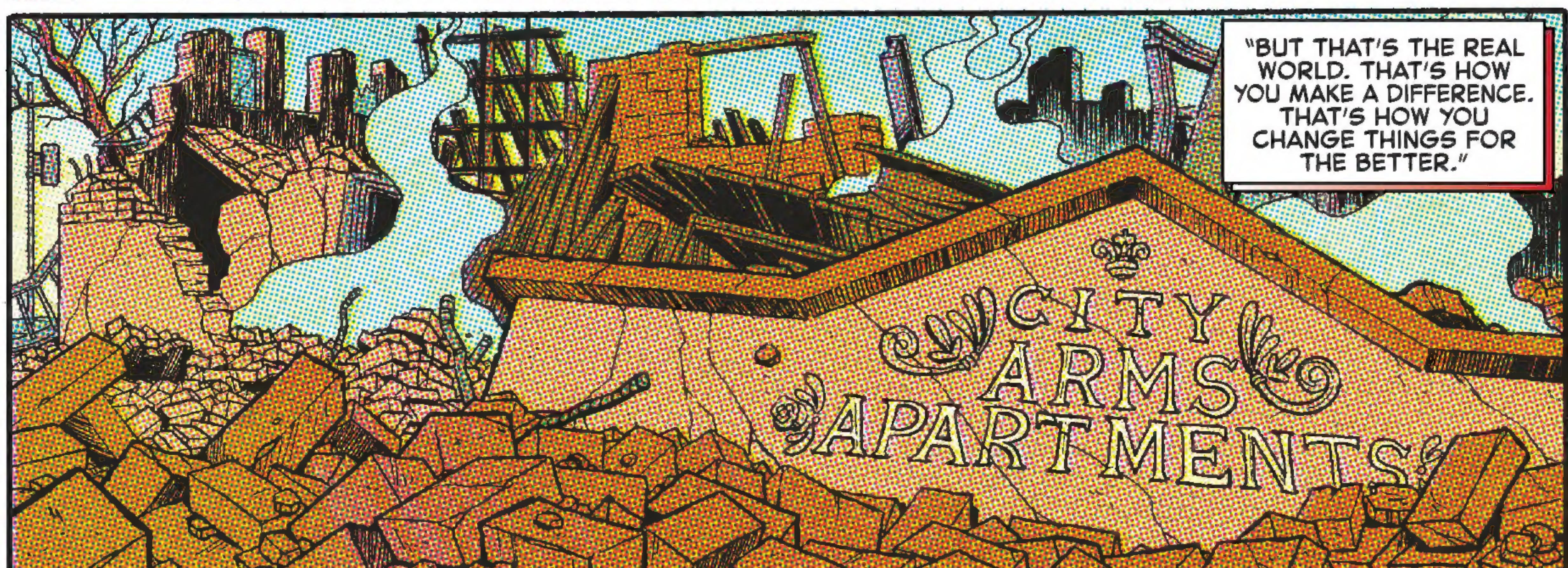
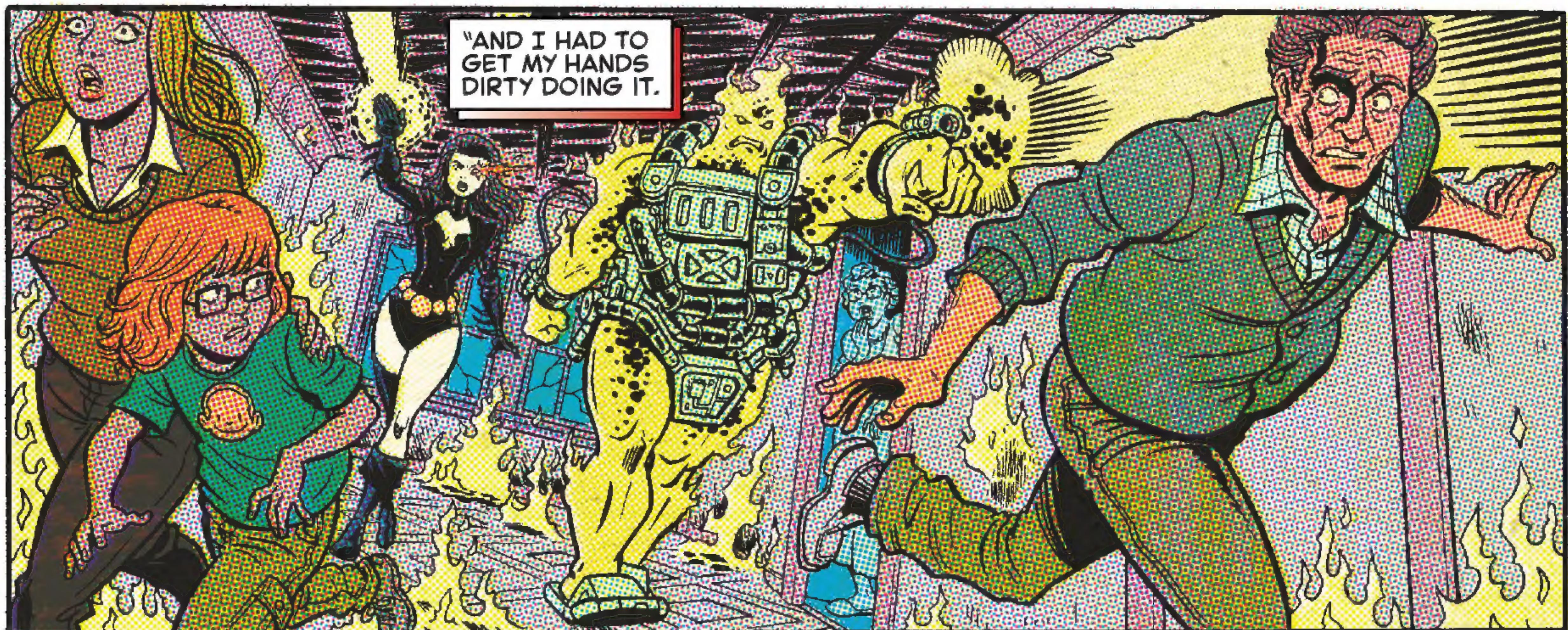
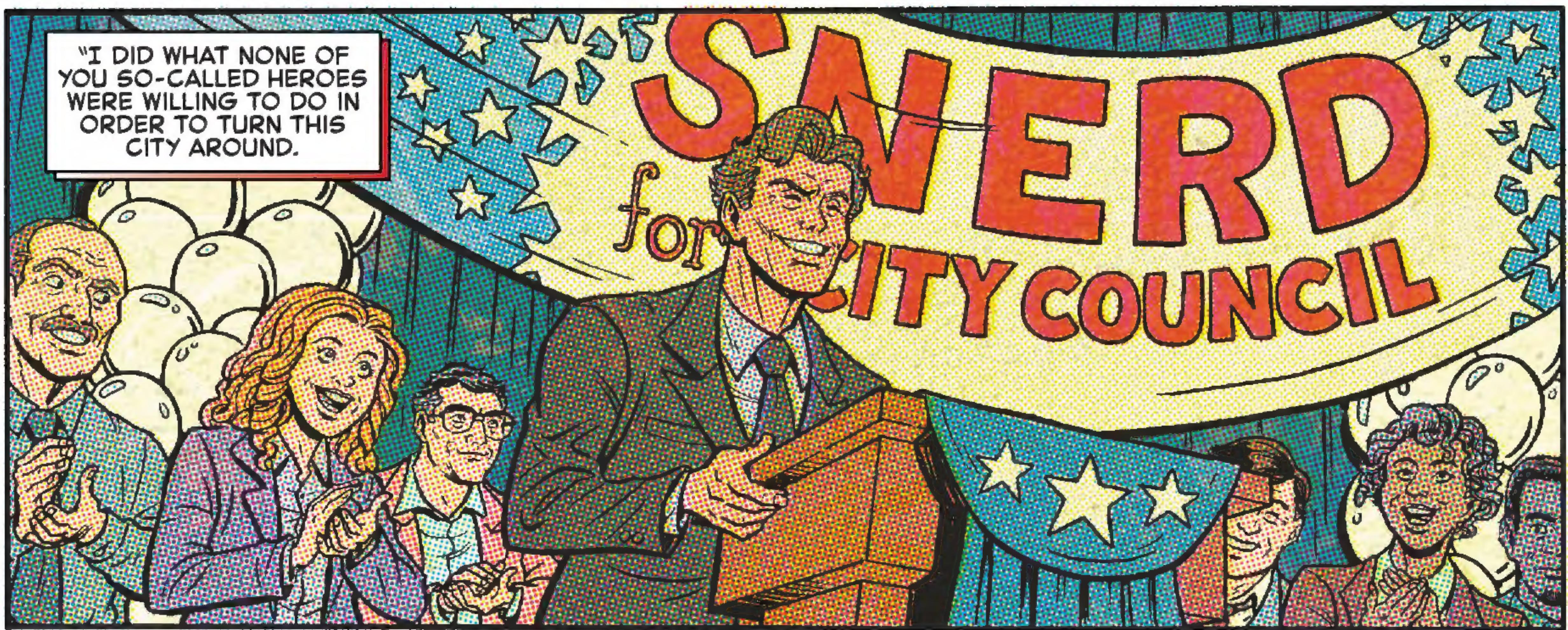
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ONLY ONE WHO
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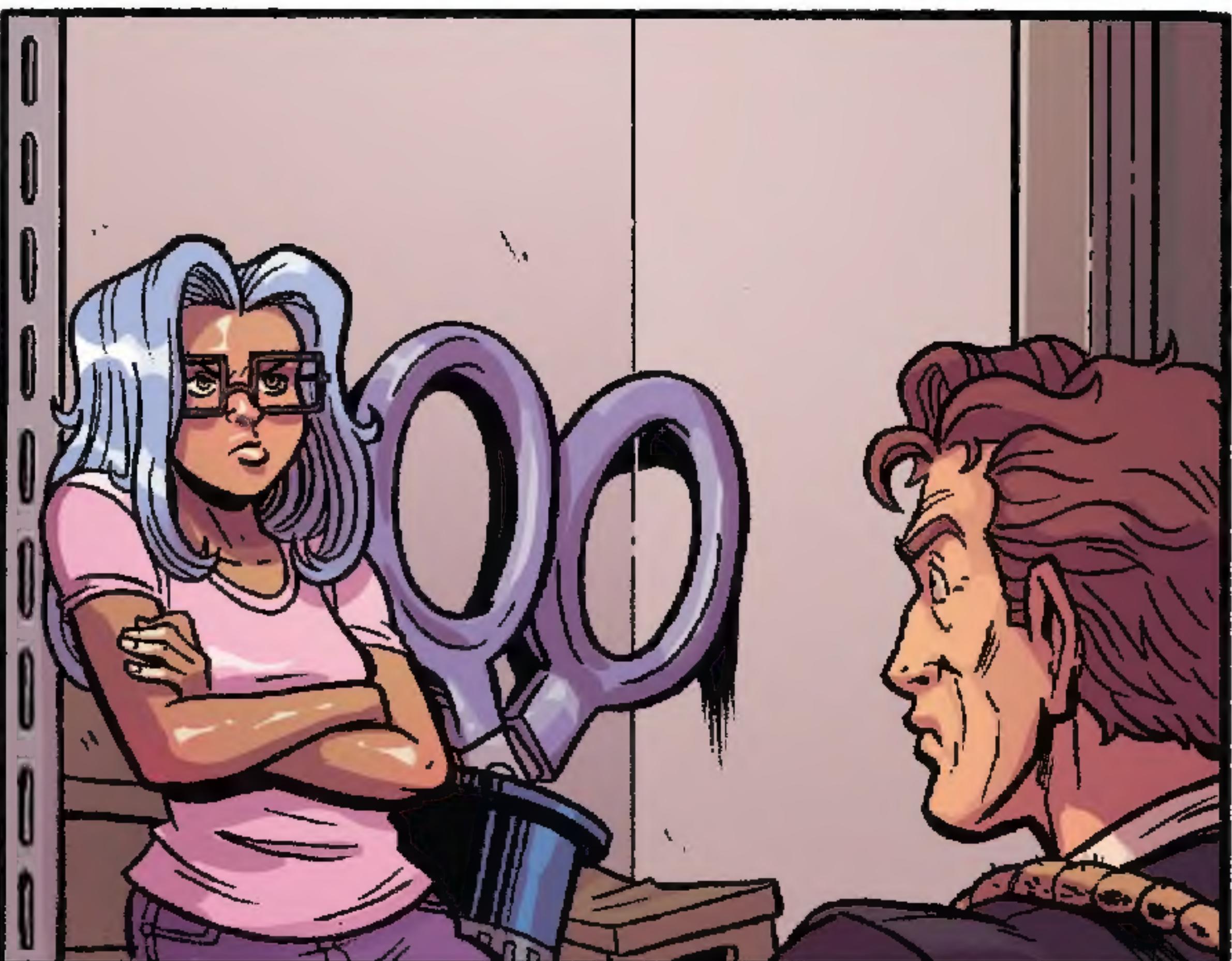
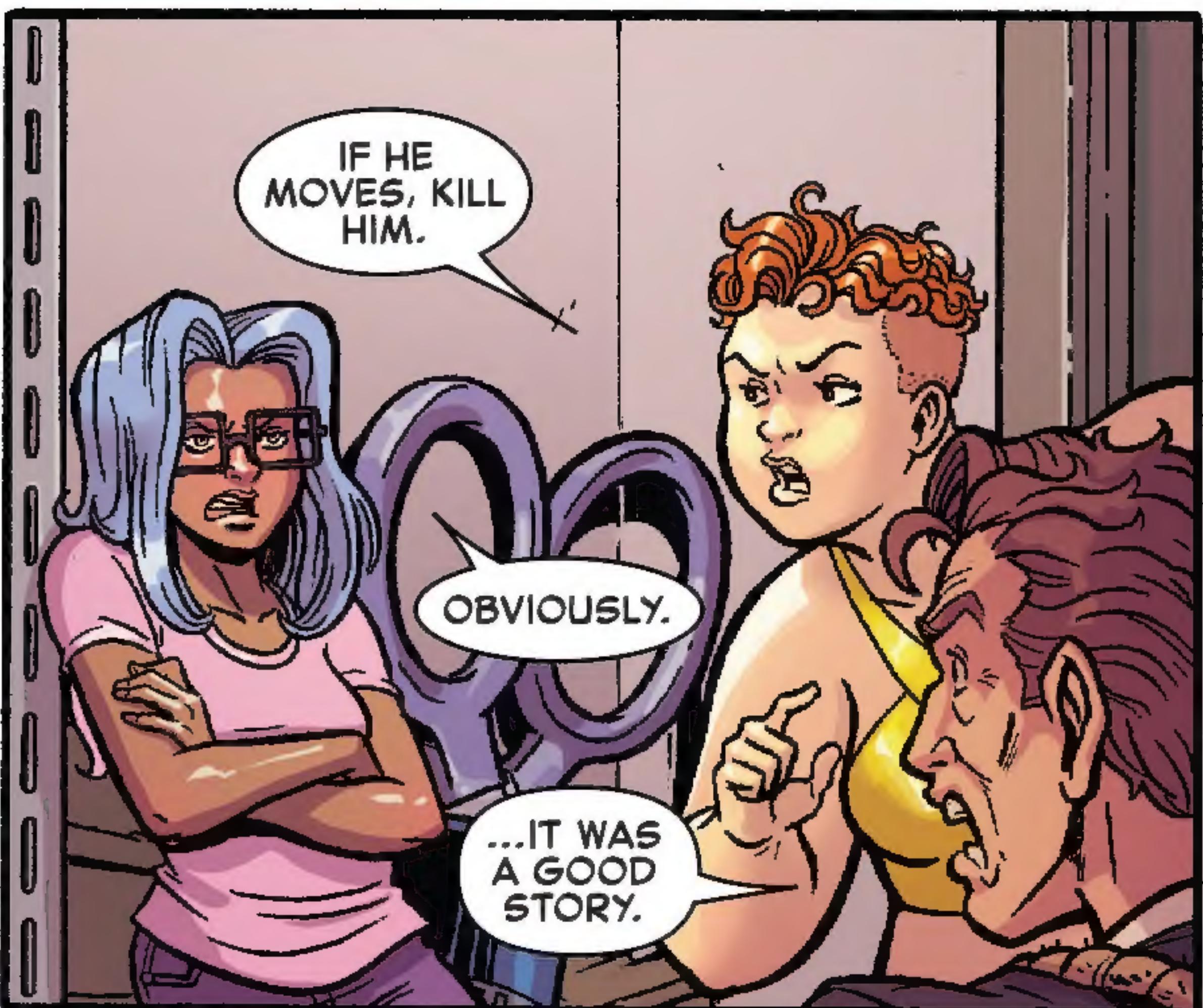
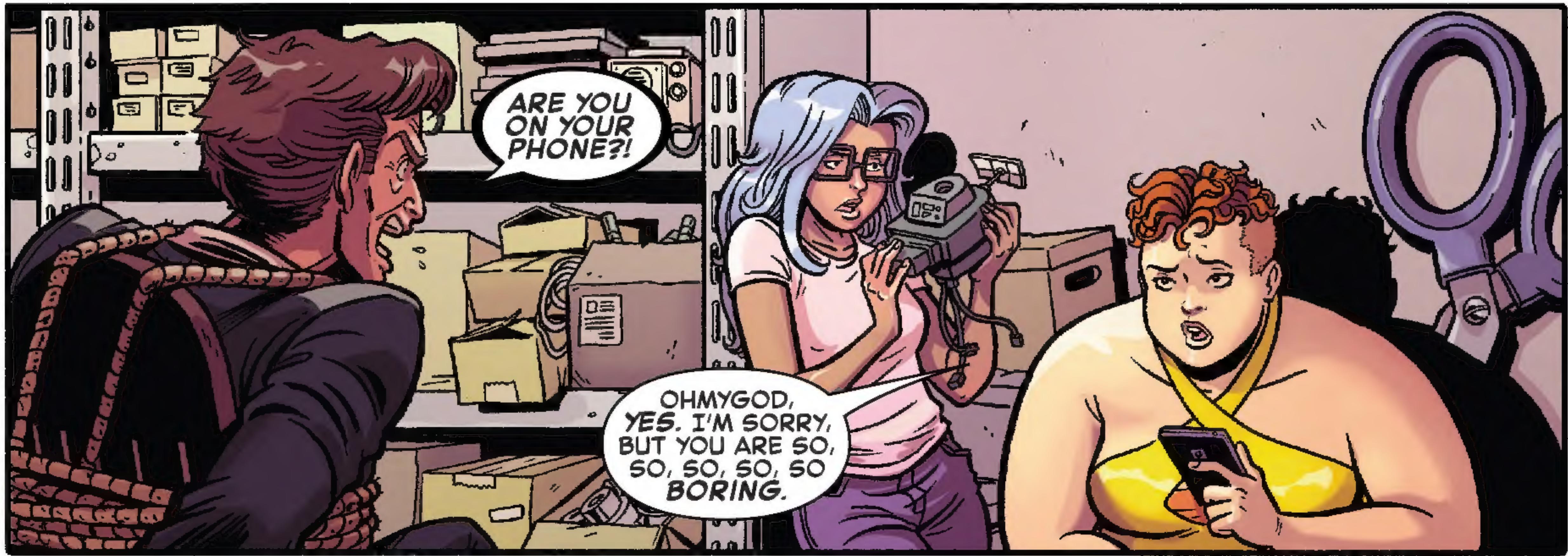
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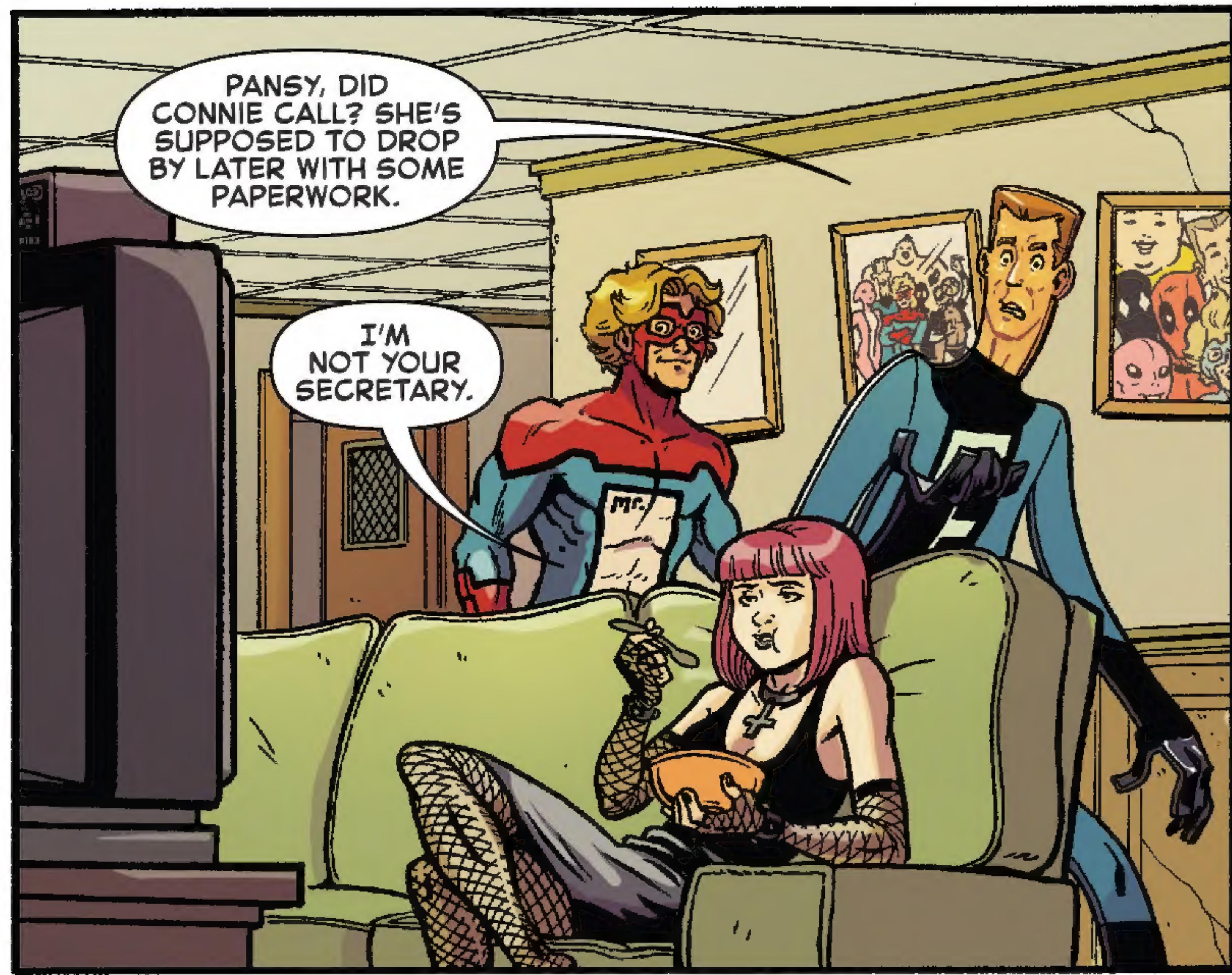
"BUT WHERE WERE THESE
SUPER HEROES I WASN'T AS
GOOD AS? OUTER SPACE?
SOME ALTERNATE DIMENSION?
I CAN TELL YOU WHERE THEY
WEREN'T--HERE.

"BUT I LEARNED
SOMETHING BACK
THEN. AN IMPORTANT
LESSON.









I'M NOT THE ONE WHO SHOWED UP DRUNK AT MY APARTMENT AT THREE IN THE MORNING THE NIGHT AFTER WE GOT ENGAGED SAYING, "OH, I MADE A TERRIBLE MISTAKE! I HAVE TO REALLY FOCUS ON ME RIGHT NOW!"

OH! OKAY, HERE WE GO! HERE WE FREAKIN' GO! I'M NOT THE ONE WHO THREW AWAY A SUCCESSFUL MODELING CAREER BECAUSE I DECIDED THAT I WANTED TO START AGAIN AT THE BOTTOM AS A PLUS-SIZE--

UH, SERIOUSLY, WHO'S IN THE OTHER ROOM?

SO THAT'S WHAT THIS IS ABOUT, HUH? MY WEIGHT?

OF COURSE NOT! THIS IS ABOUT US BEING BROKE AND YOU DECIDING TO THROW YOUR CAREER AWAY!

HOW. DARE. YOU. HOW DARE YOU TELL ME HOW TO LIVE MY LIFE! AND WHAT LUCRATIVE CAREER WERE YOU PURSUING AT THE TIME, HUH?! FREELANCE DRUNK?

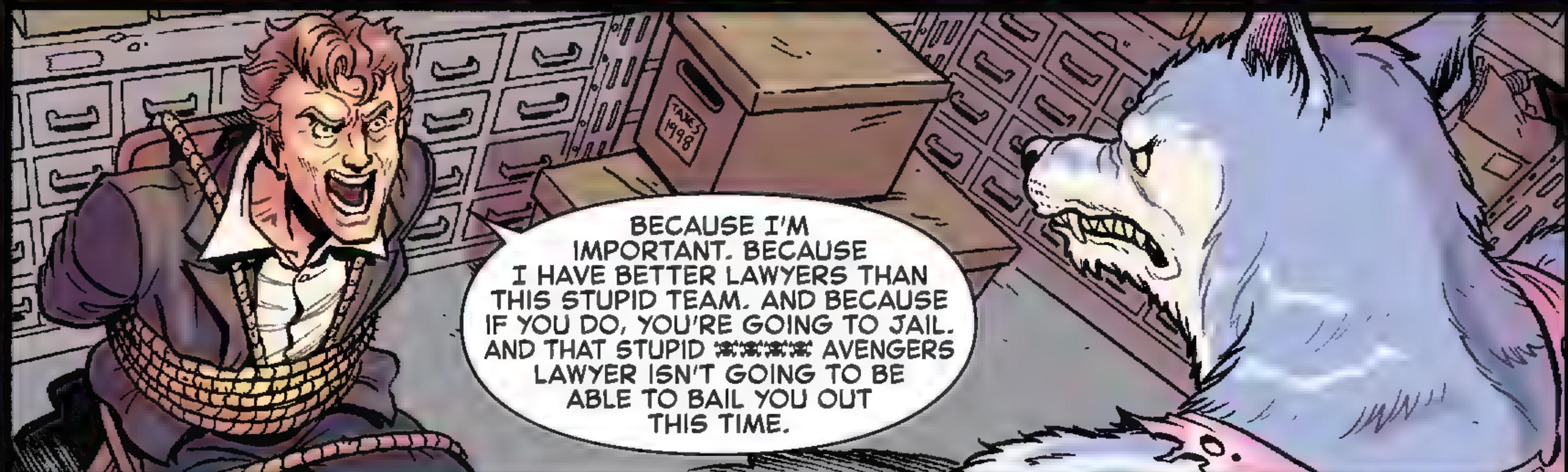
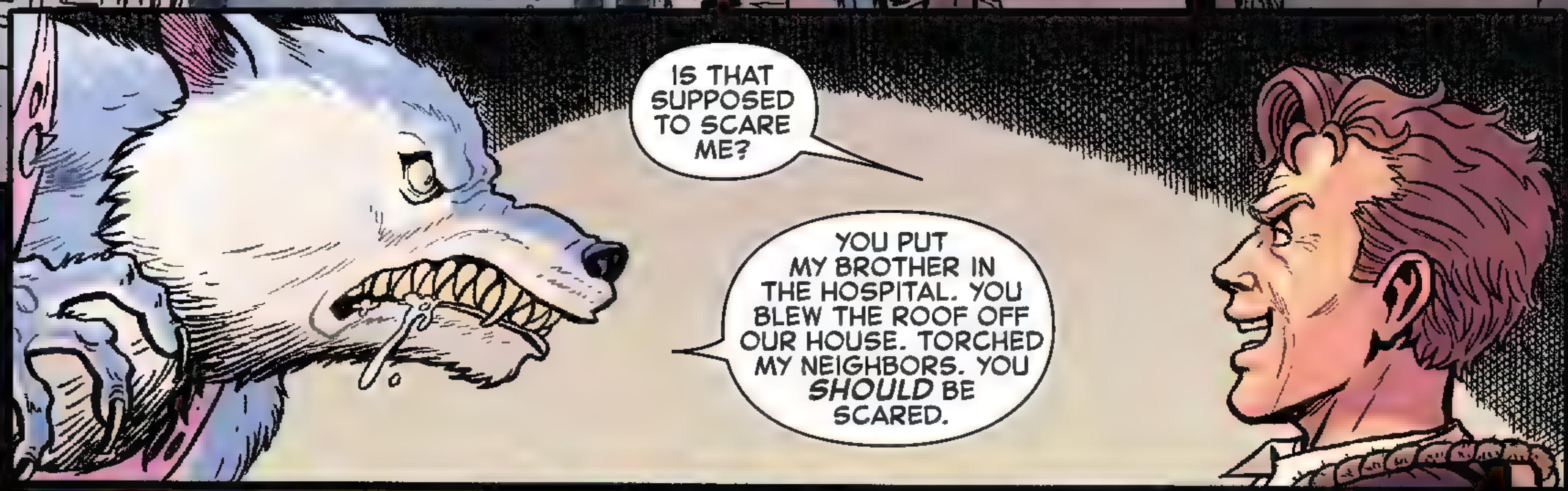
IT'S A DISEASE!

ENOUGH! ENOUGH, OKAY? BREAK IT UP!

LIVING THROUGH THIS ONCE WAS BAD ENOUGH! CAN YOU TWO JUST BE CIVIL FOR LIKE FIVE MINUTES? GREAT.

NOW WILL YOU PLEASE JUST TELL ME WHO'S HERE?

OH. RIGHT. ABOUT THAT...





ARE YOU
SURE THIS IS
GOING TO
WORK?

COUNCILMAN
SNERD'S
INJUNCTION--

SHUT UP,
AMY.

COME ON!
LOOK AT
THIS!

THIS IS
WHAT YOU GET
WHEN YOU SEARCH FOR
"SINGLE SUPER HEROES"
IN THIS TOWN. SERIOUSLY,
BRONTOSAUR RUSS?
THIS IS THE BEST
DETROIT HAS
TO OFFER?

ONCE YOU'VE
DATED REAL SUPER
HEROES, NOTHING ELSE
COMPARES. NEVER
DATE SUPER HEROES,
AMY.

UH,
OKAY...

GOD.
WHO AM I
KIDDING? YOU
DATING SUPER
HEROES?

DRIVER!
STOP! THIS
IS IT!

HAHA,
RIGHT. ME!
DATING SUPER
HEROES...

VRRT!
VRRT!
VRRT!

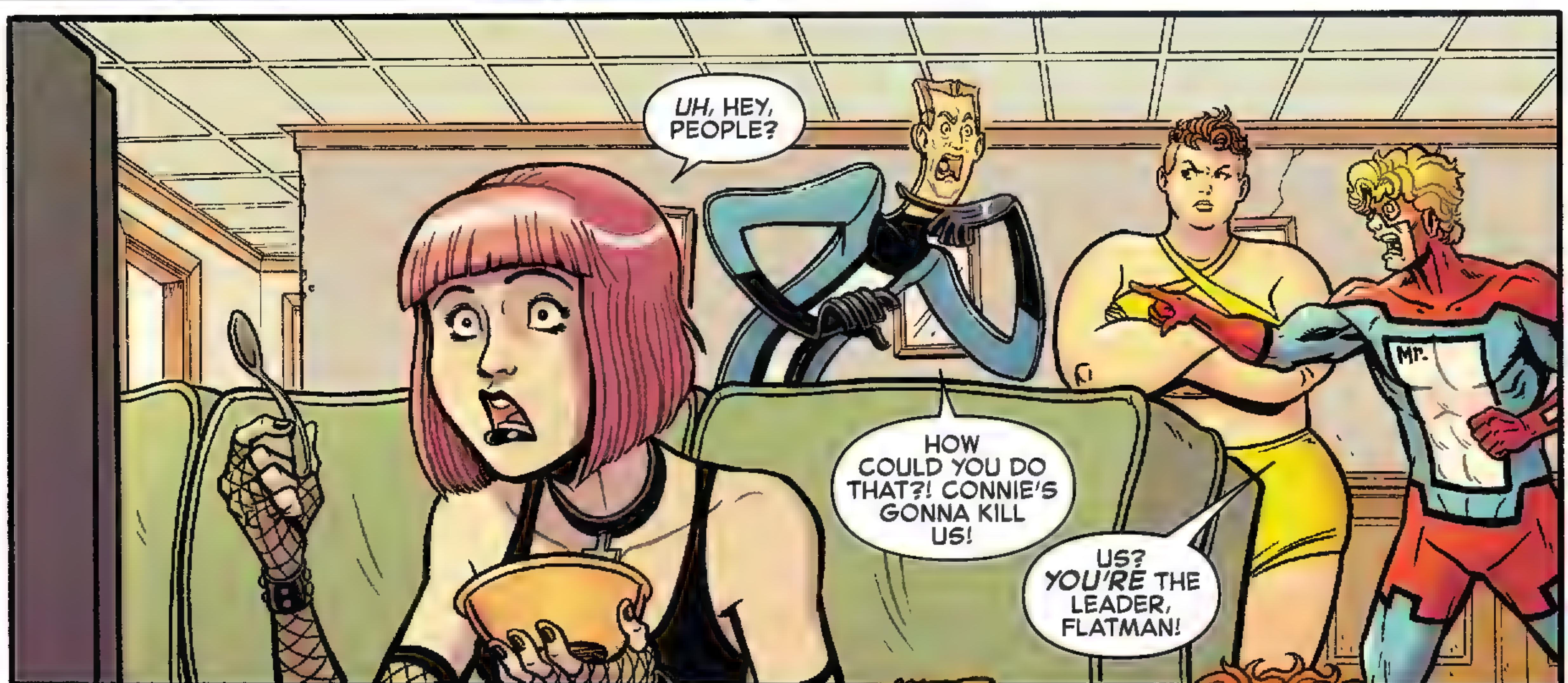
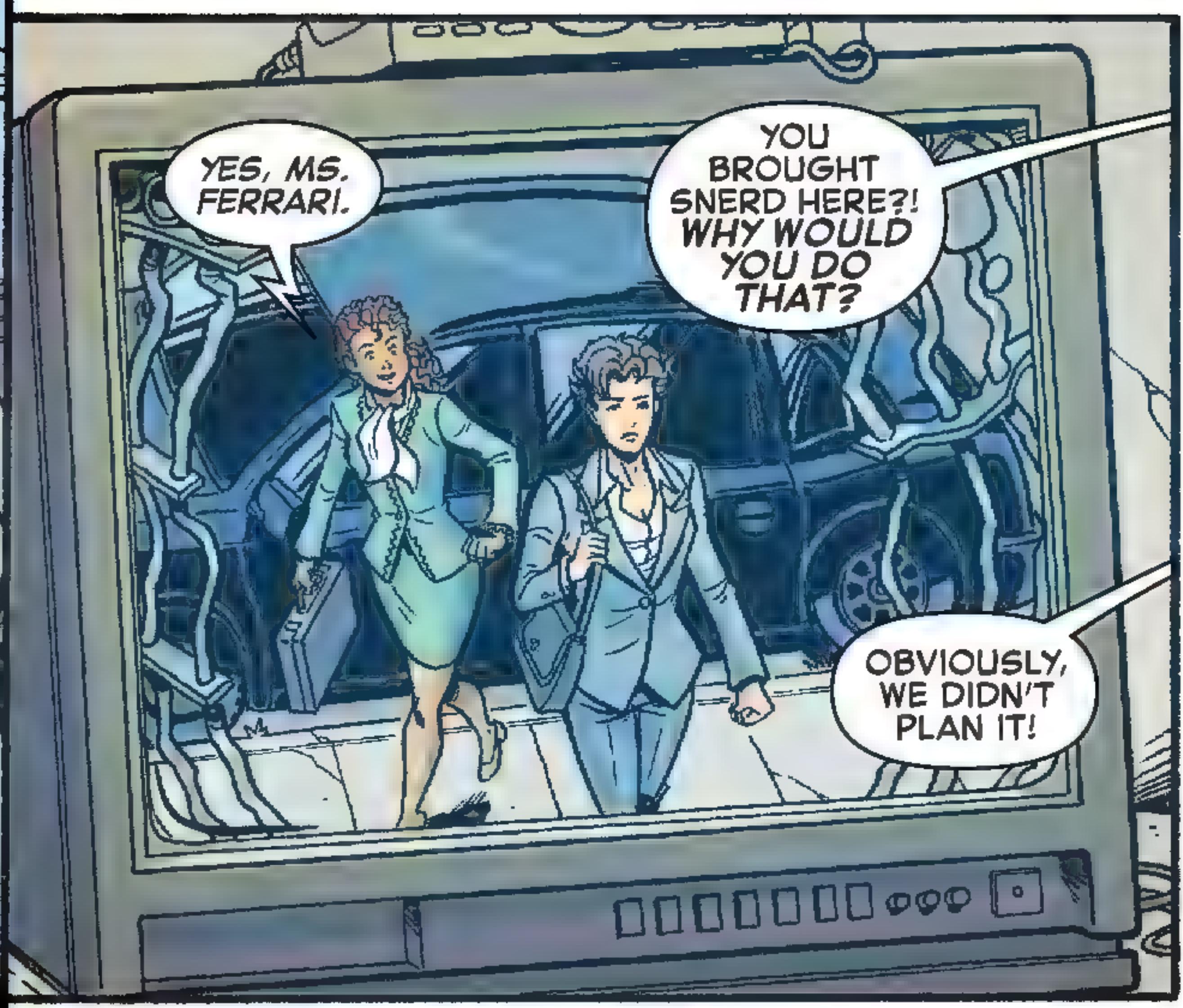
AMY! PUT
YOUR PHONE
AWAY! WE'RE
HERE!

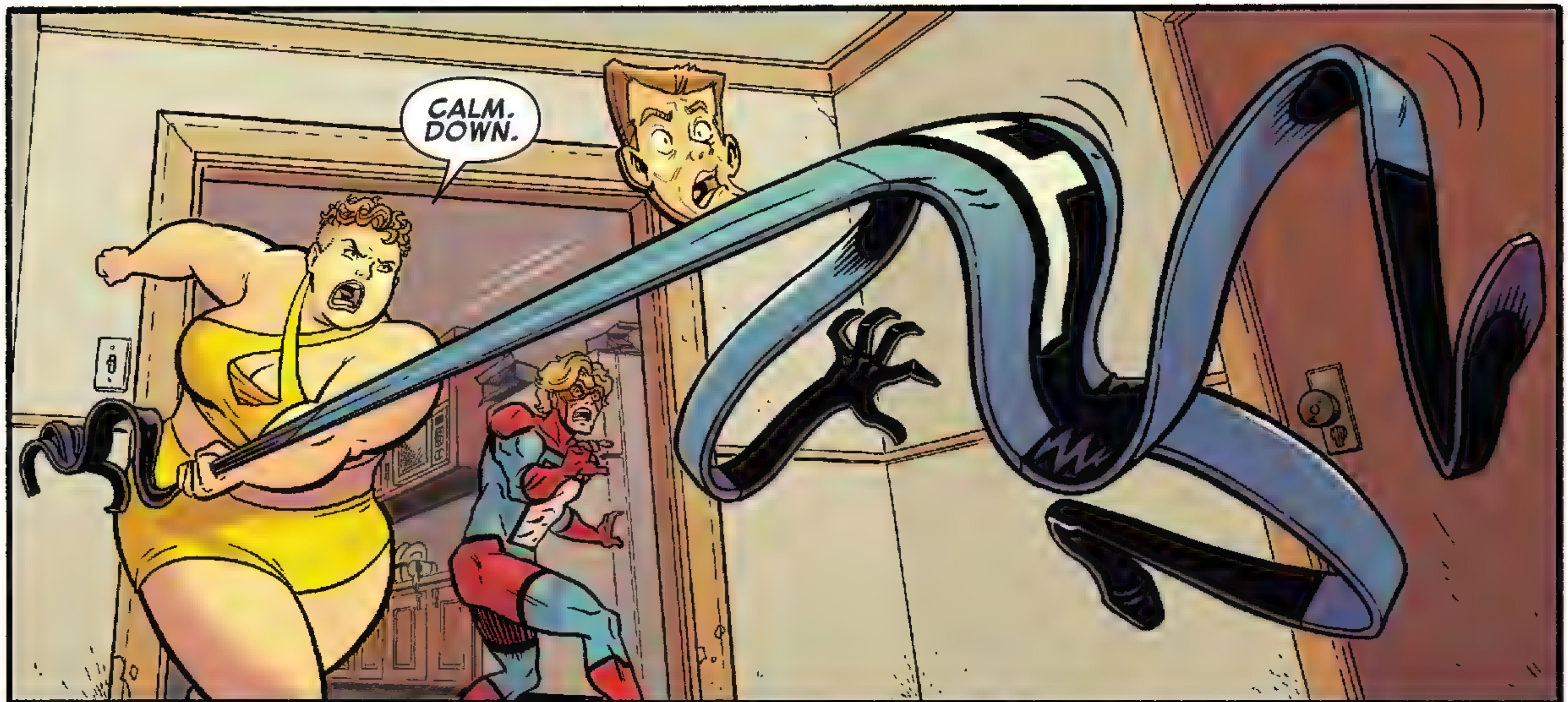
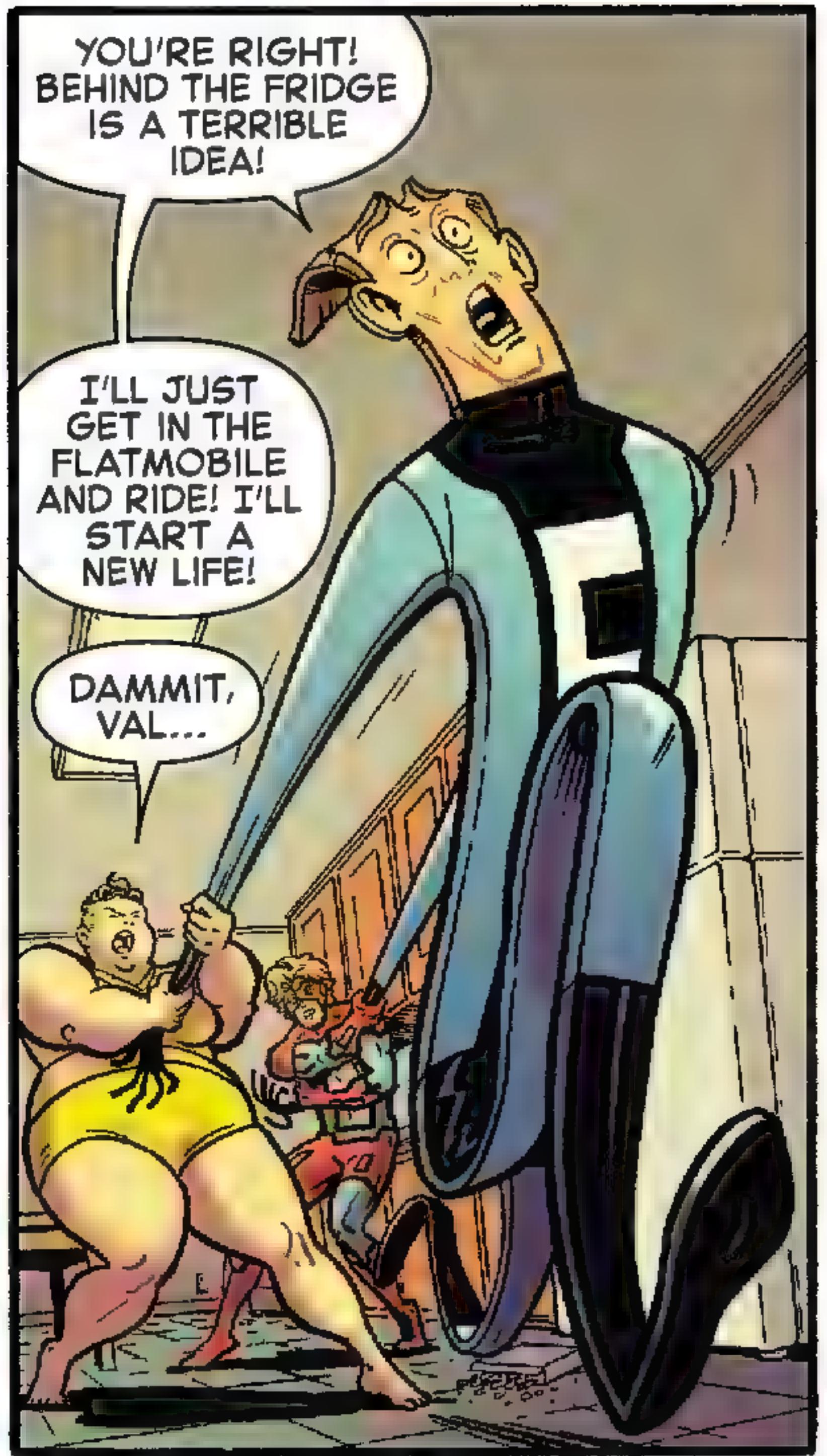
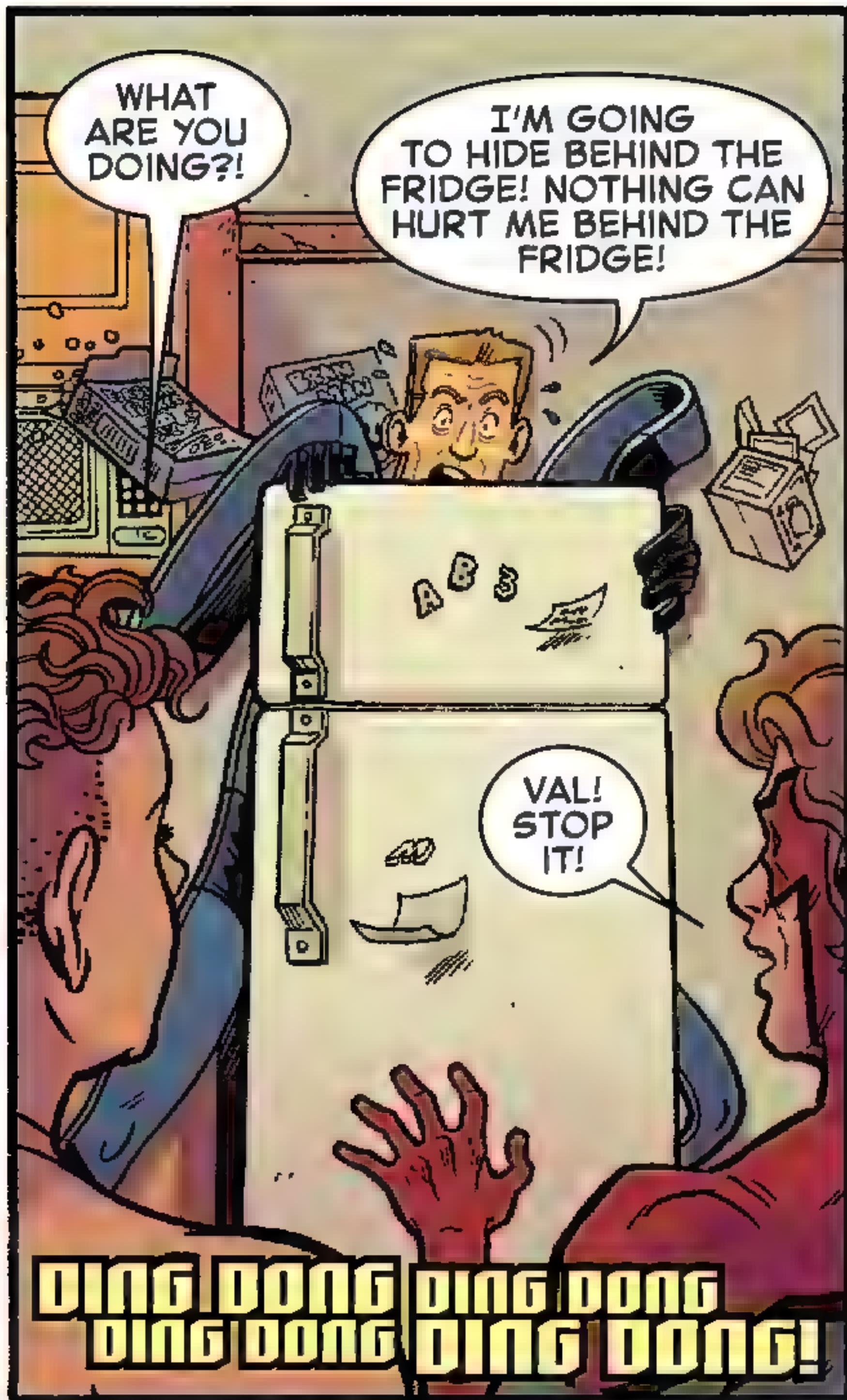
Had fun last night ;)

You makin' me blush,
mon cherie...

Just like last night when you
took your
and put you
against the

message





NOBODY'S GETTING KICKED OUT OF THE AVENGERS, OKAY? JUST EVERYBODY BE COOL! FOLLOW MY LEAD AND FOR GOD'S SAKE JUST ACT NATURAL!

WHAT THE HELL'S TAKING SO LONG TO ANSWER THE DOOR? THAT'S NOT NATURAL.

DING DONG
DING DONG
DING DONG
DING DONG!

CONNIE!
HOW NICE
TO SEE YOU!
PLEASE
COME IN!

RIGHT.
WHATEVER.

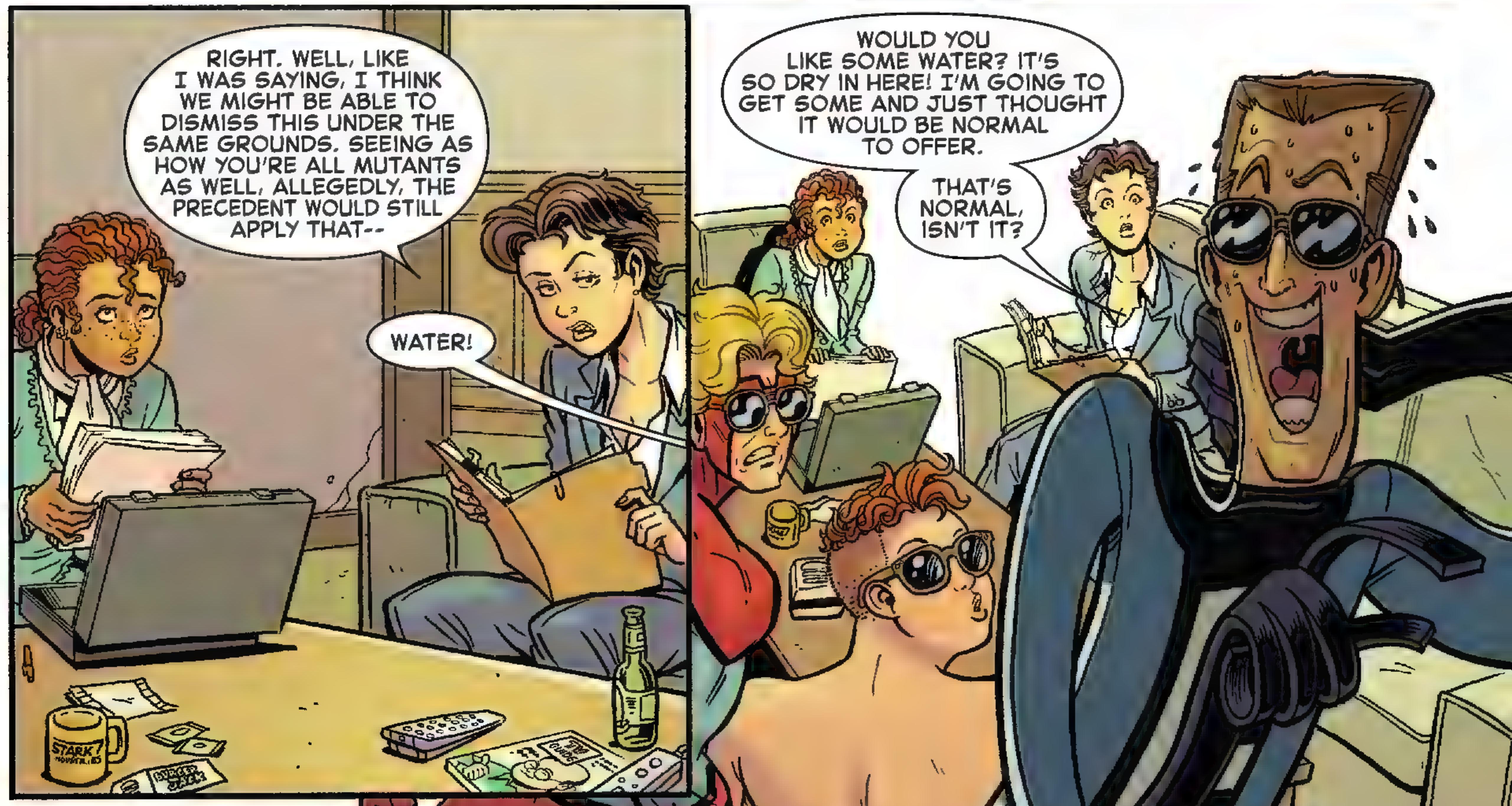
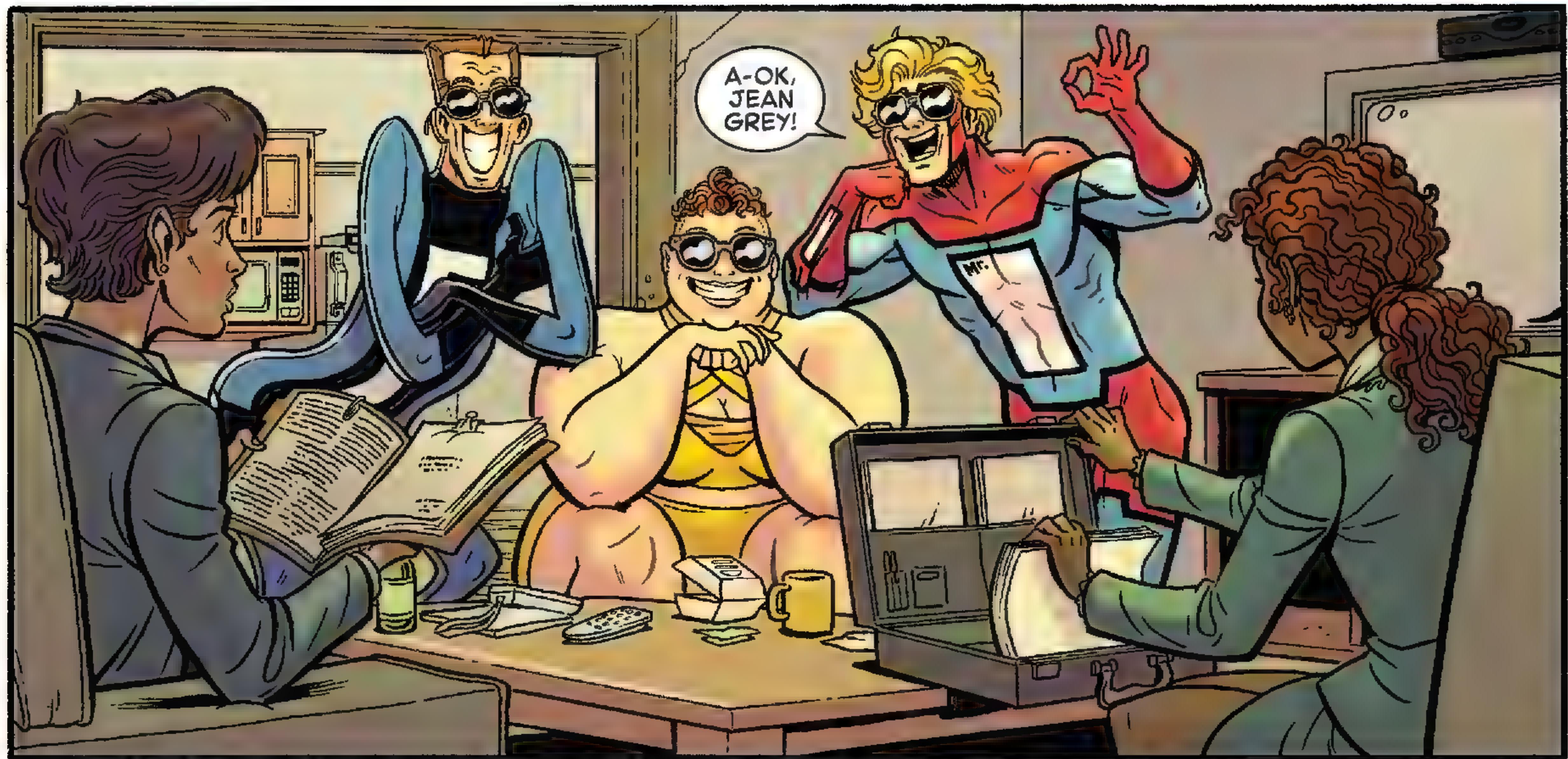
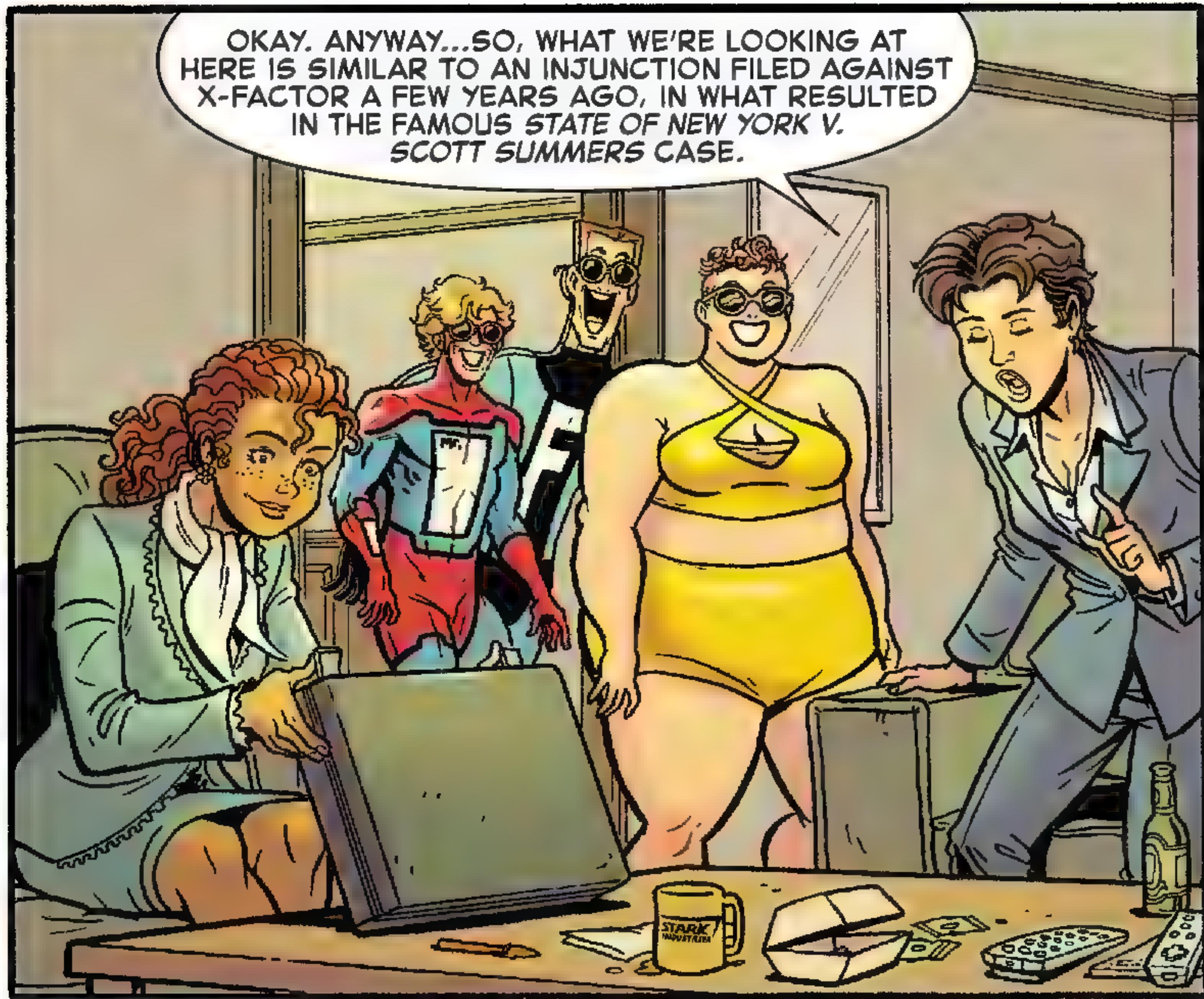
WHY THE
SUNGGLASSES
AGAIN?

I TOLD
YOU! THE AVENGERS
TRAIN THEIR LAWYERS
TO READ MICRO-
EXPRESSIONS!

Mr.
I DON'T
THINK THAT'S
A REAL
THING!

SHH!
COME ON!

OKAY. ANYWAY...SO, WHAT WE'RE LOOKING AT HERE IS SIMILAR TO AN INJUNCTION FILED AGAINST X-FACTOR A FEW YEARS AGO, IN WHAT RESULTED IN THE FAMOUS STATE OF NEW YORK V. SCOTT SUMMERS CASE.



THAT'S ENOUGH! SOMEBODY TELL ME WHAT'S GOING ON HERE, RIGHT NOW! WHY ARE YOU ACTING SO STRANGE?

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
WATER'S NORMAL! ISN'T WATER NORMAL? IT'S THE MOST NORMAL LIQUID!

KRAAAACH!

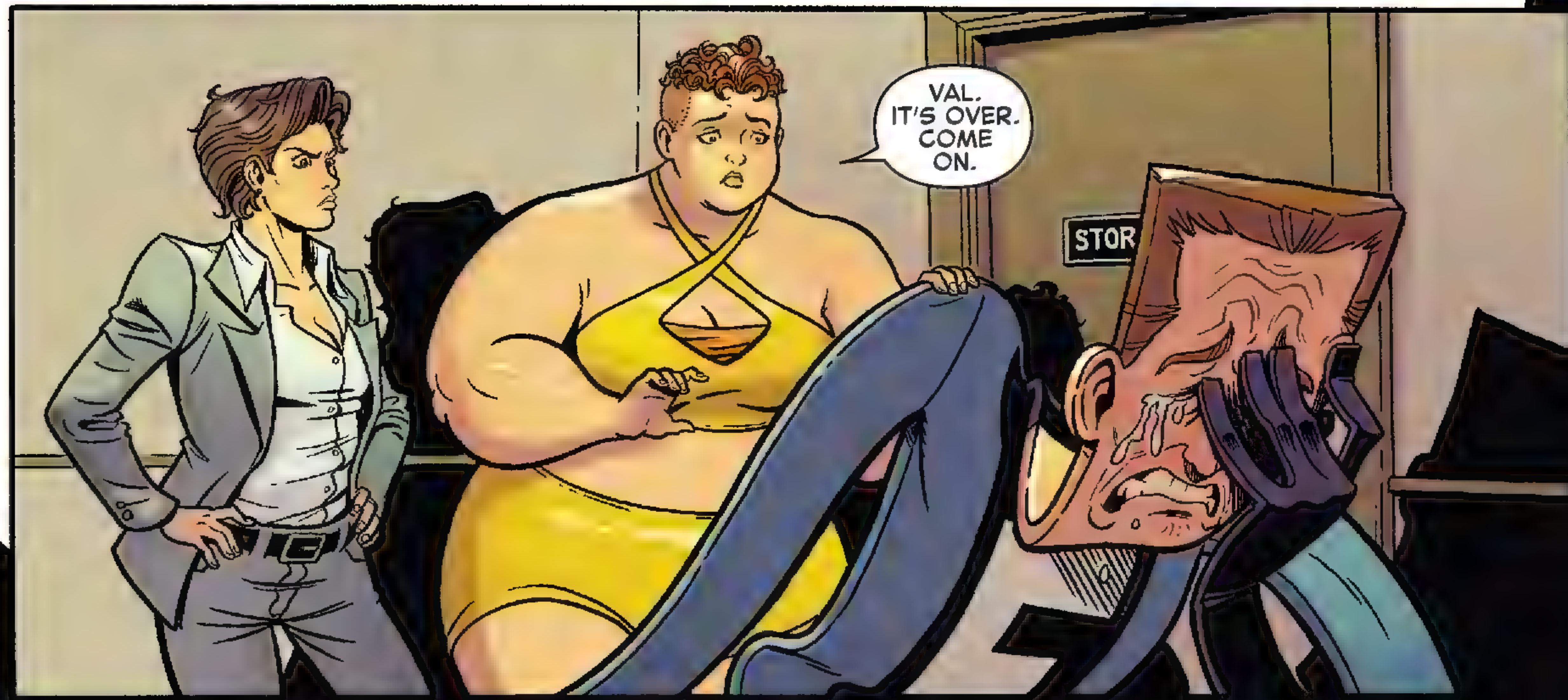
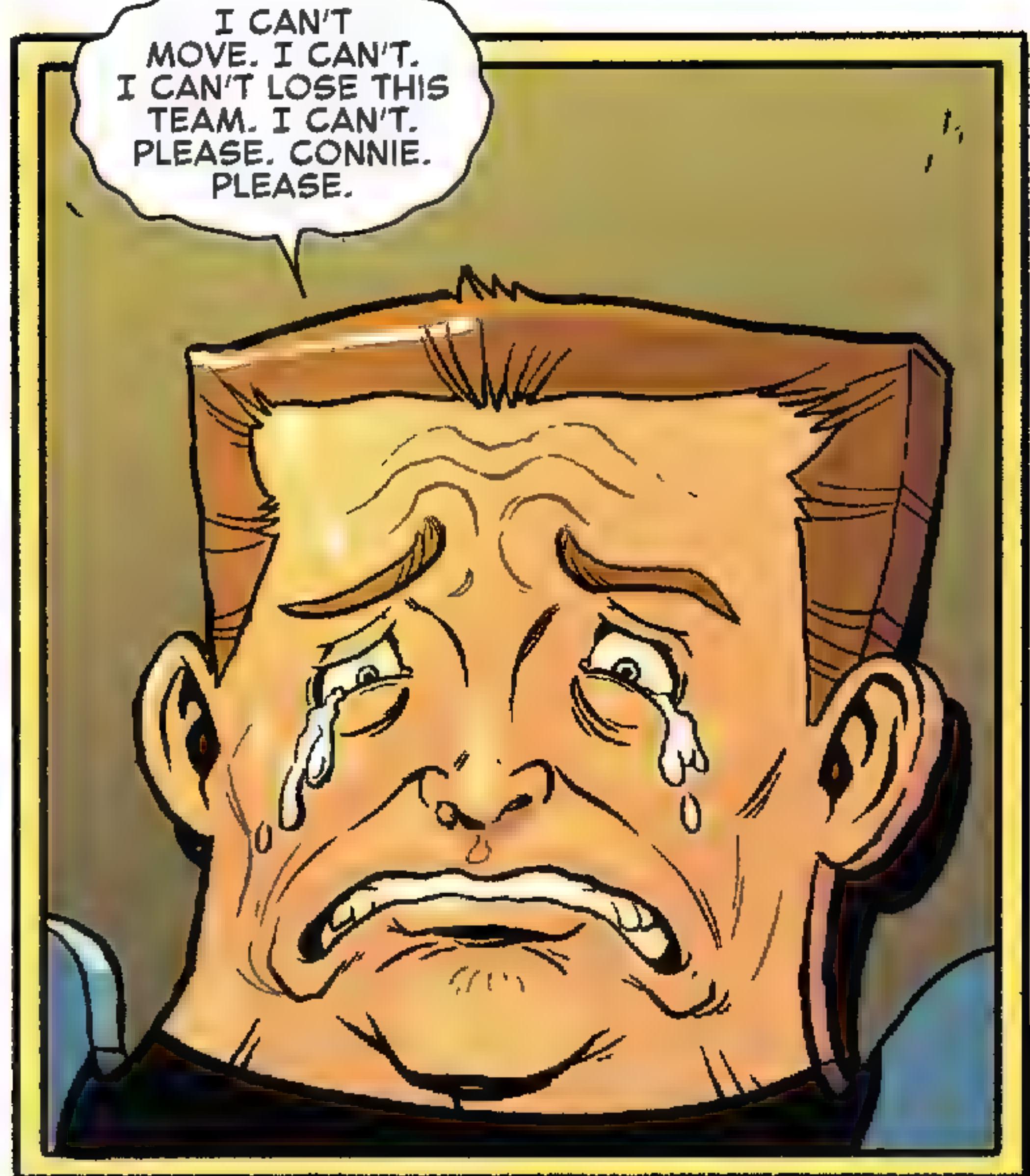
WHAT THE HELL WAS THAT?

IF YOU IDIOTS HAVE BEEN DOING SUPER HERO WORK BEHIND MY BACK, THIS IS GOING RIGHT UP THE LADDER TO THE TOP BRASS AND YOU CAN KISS YOUR AVENGERS MEMBERSHIP GOODBYE!

WAIT! CONNIE! MS. FERRARI! YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND!

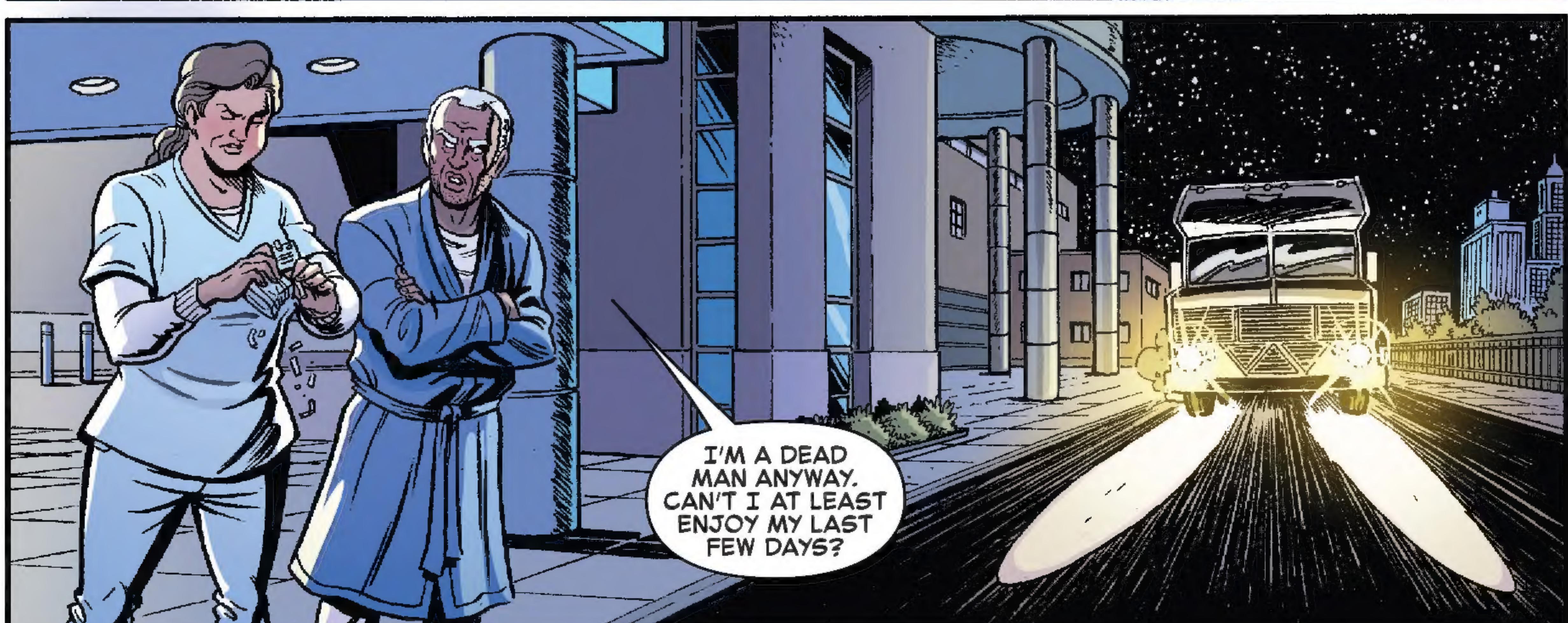
WAIT! JUST WAIT! YOU CAN'T GO IN THERE! IT'S TOP SECRET GREAT LAKES AVENGERS STUFF! YOU, UH, YOU DON'T HAVE PROPER CLEARANCE!

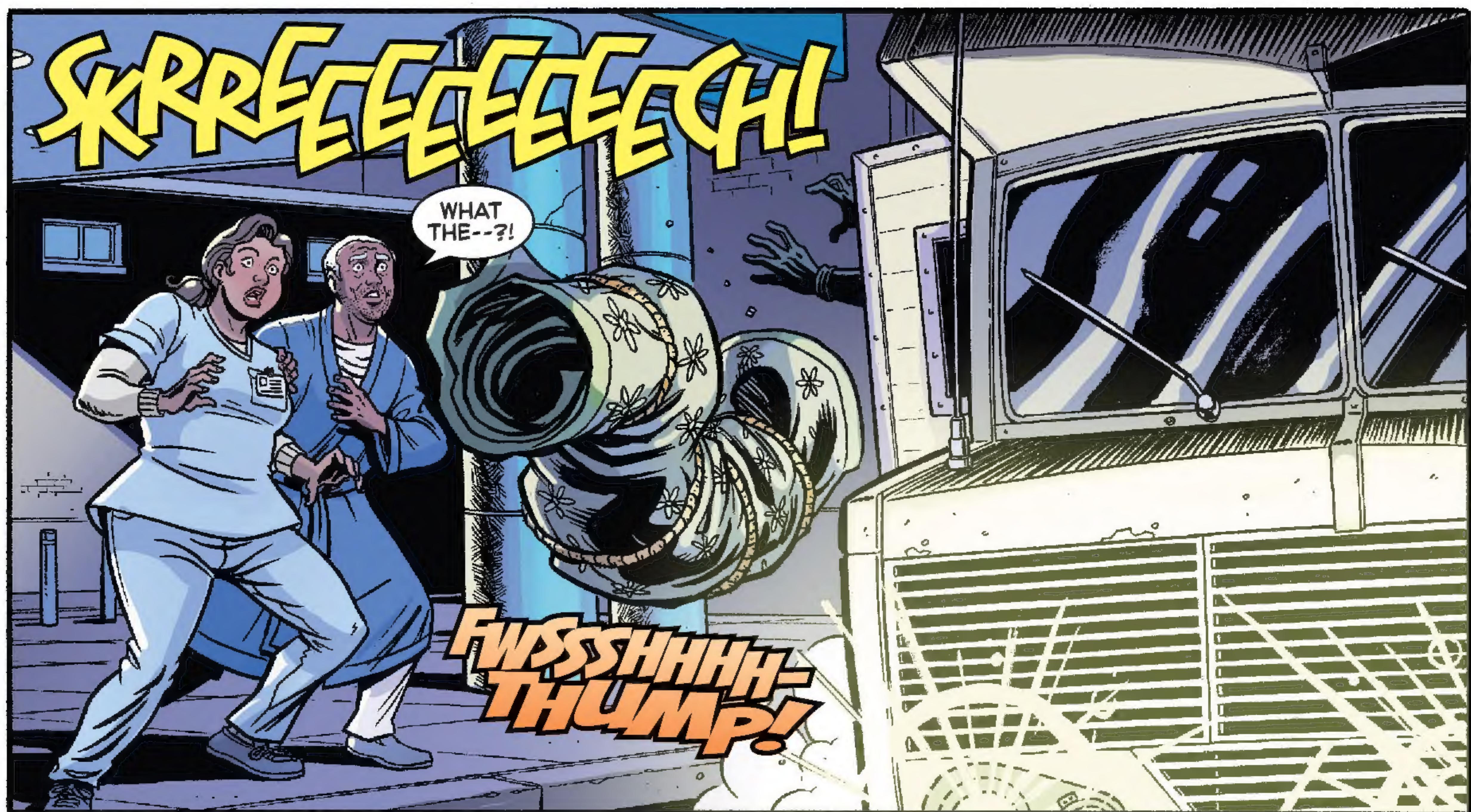
GET OUT OF MY WAY!
RIGHT NOW!





I
MESSED
UP.





The Great Lakes Avengers

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We said the Great Lakes Avengers will hire just about anybody to join the team that CIVIL WAR II forgot and our readers have answered the call! But can our astoundingly average applicants impress writer and GLA hiring director Zac Gorman? Let's find out!

The revival of the GREAT LAKES AVENGERS is upon us! Is the Marvel Universe ready for it? Big Bertha, Flat Man, Doorman, and the eternal Mr. Immortal have stayed in the background long enough. Ever since their debut back in WEST COAST AVENGERS #46, I felt like some of those characters should have been featured in the regular Avengers titles a little more through the years. Mr. Immortal has a ton of potential, not to mention the potential of tons of Big Bertha, also a favorite. So here's to a franchise of epic proportions. I just hope it's not all parody and jokes. When they first got together, Hawkeye said, "Your powers are kinda funky...and your codenames stink...but with the proper management...my management...this could be a heckuva team!" And as far as the cool stuff that I can do, how does the ability to keep buying comics and finding space for them in my studio apartment sound? After all, there's only 500 square feet available and I have been buying comics for years!

Long live the GLA!
Dan Tandarich

We appreciate the apartment space, Dan! But I guess that means that you won't be purchasing the special edition trade coming next year, which actually measures just a hair over 600 square feet. I tried to warn my editors this might happen. I said, hey, do you think that 600 square feet is too big for a comic? They said no. I wanted it to be the size of a normal comic, Tom wanted it to be 1,200 square feet so we compromised. It just goes to show!

I wasn't expecting such a fun comic! It went into my local comic store, and after a quick browse for my usual, I didn't find anything I liked. One of the workers pointed out that I might like the GREAT LAKES AVENGERS, since I like quirky fun comics. I was told that it was "the failed team of Avengers that gets called in when everyone dies."

Big Bertha has to be my favorite so far (plus I love her hair)! I am absolutely enthralled with the art style! Looking forward to the next issue!

Aria Ching

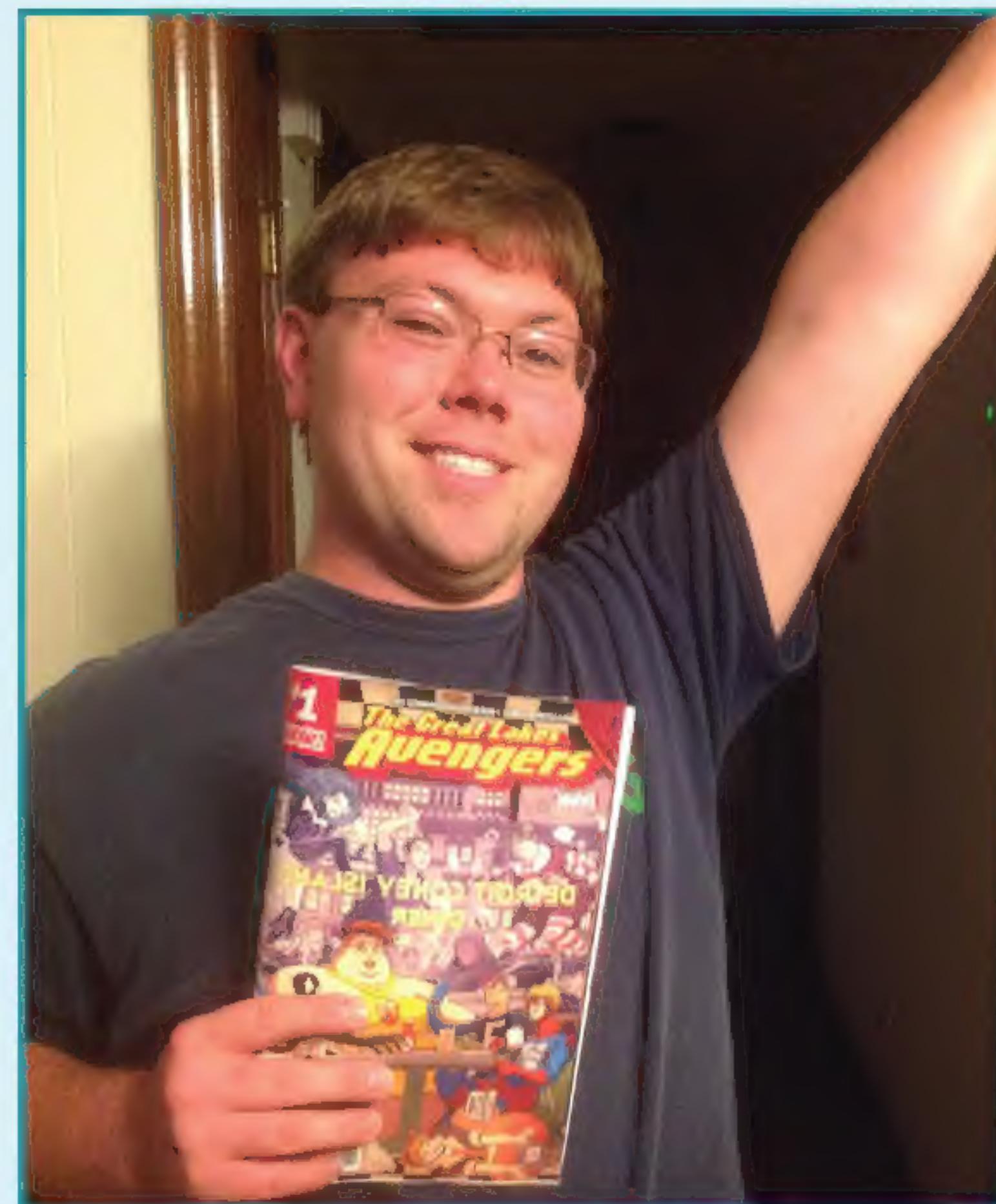
Thank you for your kind words and cool name, Aria. I can only hope that you enjoy reading the comic as much as I enjoyed reading your name just now.

Hello to the Marvel Makers,

You have heard the voice of the fans and the GREAT LAKES AVENGERS are finally getting the monthly series they deserve, YES! I have been a fan of the GLA since I first heard of them and have been wanting to see them more than once a year on only one page; now

they can be seen every three weeks in over 20 pages. This is a series I have been waiting for, and I hope it goes for the next 3-5 years, and that the writer keeps it good, because I plan to keep on reading to infinity and beyond.

Henry Spruill from Byron, GA.



Thank you for your enthusiasm, Henry! But I have a favor to ask. I was wondering if maybe while you were hoping, you wouldn't mind also hoping for a GREAT LAKES AVENGERS film franchise, preferably one where the creative team would all be asked to stand in as bystanders during a really cool action scene. Thanks again!

Dear Marvel,

Yo!

So the second I first heard about the new GREAT LAKES AVENGERS ongoing, I rushed to tell literally everyone I knew about it because it's amazing! I bought the whole limited series last year and I ate it up, and I'm super excited that it's taking place in Detroit! Will there be any cool places you're going to be referencing? (Vault of Midnight just opened up there, and it's a super cool comic store. It would be the most meta thing ever!) I can't wait to start reading and collecting this series!

Elisha Deogracias

I'm excited also! And I don't know if they'll let me print this, Elisha, but Vault of Midnight is my favorite comic store on the planet and everyone should go there! In fact if you come to the Ann Arbor location on any given Wednesday, there's a good chance I'm walking amongst the racks with my arms full of comics! Thanks for spreading the word!

[Spoiler alert: We let him print it.]

Greetings, Zac Gorman and Will Robson! I really liked GREAT LAKES AVENGERS #1 and I hope you continue the good work. Since this is a team that always cared for minorities, I was wondering: Is there any possibility Starbrand & Nighthawk could make an appearance?

Pedro Nogueira

Thanks for reading, Pedro! We do have a diverse little family of characters here with the Great Lakes Avengers, and I'll never rule out any crossovers, but there are no plans at the moment! Still, our team is a great place to bring back forgotten but beloved characters...

My name is Mark Duck and I write to join the GLA. I am totally qualified to join, for I have not one, but two "magni co" powers! My first power is "saiko desu"! I switch English adjectives with their counter parts in "alte" languages. My second power is the ability to write "pobjeda" resumes. They "immer" get accepted! Let's make the world "asfalit" for everyone.

Thank you for your time and consideration!

Andrew Outeiral

Dear Andrew Outeiral,

Are you sure your powers aren't to confuse people who write letters columns?!

Zac

The Great Lakes Avengers still wants YOU (to be their extraordinarily mundane cannon fodder/teammates)! Send your qualifications—like arriving exactly ten minutes late anywhere you go and always finding quarters left behind in vending machines—to MHEROES@MARVEL.COM marked "OKAY TO PRINT" to be considered (our lawyers said we have to tell you there is no pay and that we couldn't put that fact in really really tiny print in the margins anymore).

NEXT:



BIG BERTHA TAKES DETROIT

